



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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## Crop Season Begins Cool and Wet

### Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were mostly at or below average, ranging from 13 to 33 degrees at night and from 50 to 68 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.02 inches in the Salmon area to high of 2.77 inches around Sand Point. Snow is melting, and creeks are running. For the week ending April 3, major agricultural activities were halted due to rain and snow showers. Pea and lentil planting is expected to begin as soon as the rain subsides and the ground dries out.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing and Calving have both progressed to 83% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 1% short, 91% adequate, and 8% surplus. Lambing and calving is reported to be going well. Cattle are being branded.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition. Several counties reported improved soil moisture condition because of the much needed rain that fell this past week. Onion and sugarbeet planting began throughout the state. Lincoln County Extension Educators reported cooler temperatures that slowed evaporation and allowed for moisture to remain in the top 3 to 4 inches of the soil profile. Latah County Extension Educators saw most of the spring small grains planted during an unusually warm period last week. Oneida County Extension Educators reported that several producers have already seen Mormon crickets this spring.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 13% short, 78% adequate, and 9% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Oats Planted	18	21	12
Onions Planted	25	40	50
Dry Peas Planted	12	31	9

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	5	83	12
Irr. Water Supply	3	39	54	2	2

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	54	34	10	45	65	64	64	45	39	6	26	13	30	32	19
Barley															
Planted . . . . .	24	21	8	45	64	57	42	53	42	--	4	3	19	20	14
Sugarbeets															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	45	64	49	25	40	16	--	39	16	19	45	22

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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# Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 3, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	54	32	42	-1	116	7	0	0.87	0.53	0.00	1.65	2.78
Grangeville	55	23	39	-3	98	0	0	0.42	-0.19	0.11	1.03	2.66
Lewiston	59	33	48	0	276	34	0	0.36	0.10	0.16	1.31	1.23
Sand Point	50	26	40	-2	58	0	0	2.77	2.25	0.43	5.15	3.08
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	65	26	46	0	214	12	0	0.68	0.38	0.00	1.28	1.55
Caldwell	64	27	46	-2	207	10	0	0.24	-0.05	0.13	0.24	1.42
Emmett	65	26	45	-2	183	13	0	0.53	0.21	0.00	0.82	1.71
Mountain Home	63	23	42	-3	183	16	0	0.41	0.18	0.00	0.80	1.25
Parma	56	24	45	-1	193	12	0	0.38	0.12	0.00	0.60	1.30
Weiser 5/	55	27	--	--	207	17	0	0.62	0.35	0.00	1.18	1.39
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	104	2	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.00	1.04
Burley	68	22	41	-2	106	2	0	0.33	0.12	0.11	1.01	1.13
Hill City	58	14	36	0	6	0	0	1.33	1.09	0.00	2.63	1.34
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	268	59	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.00	1.11
Malta	66	19	43	-1	122	11	0	0.05	-0.11	0.00	0.16	0.85
Twin Falls	66	24	42	0	136	13	0	0.54	0.30	0.00	1.11	1.26
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	58	18	--	--	32	0	0	0.09	-0.07	0.00	0.51	0.87
Grace	62	13	37	0	18	0	0	0.14	-0.16	0.00	0.19	1.53
Idaho Falls	64	20	39	0	28	0	0	0.12	-0.08	0.00	1.48	1.02
Malad City	65	23	41	0	50	0	0	0.24	-0.01	0.00	1.11	1.28
Pocatello	65	21	41	0	74	0	0	0.28	-0.00	0.00	1.56	1.44
Rexburg	61	18	37	-1	14	0	0	0.13	-0.09	0.00	0.86	1.20
Salmon 5/	63	25	--	--	104	12	--	0.02	--	0.00	0.22	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.